

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the above-identified application:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-15 (Canceled).

Claim 16 (Currently amended): A client terminal in which a software including a plurality of functions is installed and which is capable of communicating with a server apparatus, the terminal comprising:

a setting unit, which sets respective flags of said plurality of functions into an enabling state and a disabling state so that the function the flag of which is set into the enabling state is to be subjected to charging;

a controlling unit, which controls usability of the function in accordance with the state of the flag thereof set by said setting unit, so as to make the function the flag of which is set in the enabling state, usable and make the function the flag of which is set in the disabling state, unusable;

a payment unit, which executes every first predetermined period, payment processing of a predetermined price of the function the flag of which is set in the enabling state by said setting unit;

a count unit, which counts a period in which said function the flag of which is set in the enabling state, remains being not used;

a prohibition request unit, which automatically requests the server apparatus to prohibit the usability of the function subjected to period counting by said counting unit if said counted period counted by said count unit exceeds a second predetermined period; and

a changing unit, which changes the state of the flag of the function said counted period of which exceeds the second predetermined period, from the enabling state to the disabling state in response to a response of said server apparatus to the prohibition request by said prohibition request unit.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): A terminal according to claim 16, wherein the function is at least one of a scan function, print function, a copy function and a facsimile transmission function.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): A terminal according to claim 16, further comprising an icon display unit, which displays icons corresponding respectively to said plurality of functions, said icon display unit distinctly displays the icons among said plurality of functions in different states in accordance with the enabling state and the disabling state of the flags thereof.

Claims 19-21 (Cancelled).

Claim 22 (Currently amended): A control method of client terminal in which a software including a plurality of functions is installed and which is capable of communicating with a server apparatus, said method comprising the step of:

setting respective flags of said plurality of functions into an enabling state and a disabling state so that the function the flag of which is set into the enabling state is to be subjected to charging;

controlling usability of the function in accordance with the state of the flag thereof set in said setting step, so as to make the function the flag of which is set in the enabling state, usable and make the function the flag of which is set in the disabling state, unusable;

executing, every first predetermined period, payment processing of a predetermined price of the function the flag of which is set in the enabling state in said setting step;

counting a period in which said function the flag of which is set in the enabling state, remains being not used;

automatically requesting the server apparatus to prohibit the usability of the function subjected to period counting in said counting step if said counted period counted in said counting step exceeds the a second predetermined period; and

changing the state of the flag with the function said counted period of which exceeds the second predetermined period, from the enabling state to the disabling state in response to a response of said server apparatus to the prohibition request in said prohibition request step.

Claim 23 (Cancelled).

Claim 24 (Currently amended): A record medium storing a program readably by a computer for implementing a control method of client terminal in which a software including a plurality of functions is installed and which is capable of communicating with a server apparatus, said method comprising the step of:

setting respective flags of said plurality of functions into an enabling state and a disabling state so that the function the flag of which is set into the enabling state is to be subjected to charging;

controlling usability of the function in accordance with the state of the flag thereof set in said setting step, so as to make the function the flag of which is set in the enabling state, usable and make the function the flag of which is set in the disabling state, unusable;

executing, every first predetermined period, payment processing of a predetermined price of the function the flag of which is set in the enabling state in said setting step;

counting a period in which said function the flag of which is set in the enabling state, remains being not used;

automatically requesting the server apparatus to prohibit the usability of the function subjected to period counting in said counting step if said counted period counted in said counting step exceeds the a second predetermined period; and

changing the state of the flag with the function said counted period of which exceeds the second predetermined period, from the enabling state to the disabling state in response to a response of said server apparatus to the prohibition request in said prohibition request step.

Claim 25 (Cancelled).

Claim 26 (New): A terminal according to claim 16, wherein the second predetermined period is determined in correspondence with the first predetermined period.

Claim 27 (New): A terminal method according to claim 16, wherein the predetermined price is determined for each function and must be paid for usage of the function.

Claim 28 (New): A control method according to claim 22, wherein the

second predetermined period is determined in correspondence with the first predetermined period.

Claim 29 (New): A control method according to claim 22, wherein the predetermined price is determined for each function and must be paid for usage of the function.

Claim 30 (New): A record medium according to claim 24, wherein the second predetermined period is determined in correspondence with the first predetermined period.

Claim 31 (New): A record medium according to claim 24, wherein the predetermined price is determined for each function and must be paid for usage of the function.